

1997 and the loan became effective in June, 1998 and disbursement for the project was started in July, 1998. The Project was originally scheduled to be completed in June, 2003.

Stabilisation of overburden dumps in open cast coal mines

2488. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether World Bank has agreed to include jute geotextiles instablisation of over-burden dumps in open cast coal mines; and

(b) if so, what is the status of implementation of the scheme, specially in the Northern Coalfields Limited?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The World Bank has agreed to include jute geotextiles instablisation of over-burden dumps in open cast coal mines. Related tender is under process. Acceptance of tender will be followed by implementation.

Fire in Moira Colliery

2489. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether All India Coal Worker's Federation, Asansol have sent a memorandum to Government on the 14th July, 2000, regarding fire in Jambad bottom seam of Moira colliery under Bankala area on 9th July, 2000; and

(b) if so, Government's reaction to the points raised in the memorandum?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM): (a) No, Sir. However a copy of the memorandum written by "Indian Mine Working Federation" Asansol to the Ministry of Coal dated 14-7-2000 has been received.

(b) Action taken by ECL on the memorandum are as under:—

(i) Enquiry is under process. Only after completion of the enquiry, responsibility for the fire on any person can be ascertained.